



**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Application Number	09/701,229
Filing Date	August 23, 2001
First Named Inventor	El-Sherbeini
Group Art Unit	1645
Examiner Name	Portner, Virginia Allen
Attorney Docket Number	20193P

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application.

1. **Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).
 - a. Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
 - i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - ii. Other _____
 - b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) 07/14/2004 3DIRETAI 00000035 132755 097012E9
 - iv. Return Receipt Postcard (itemized) 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA
 - v. Other _____
2. **Miscellaneous**
 - a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
 - b. Other _____
3. **Fees**

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2755

 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Name (Print/Type)	Michael D. Yablonsky	Registration No.	40,407
Signature			
	Date	July 7, 2004	

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FEE TRANSMITTAL

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TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

\$770

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METHOD OF PAYMENT

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001	770	Utility filing fee	
1002	340	Design filing fee	
1004	770	Reissue filing fee	
1005	160	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL(1)			\$0

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

	Extra	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Total Claims		20	** = 0 x \$18 = 0
Independent Claims		3	** = 0 x \$86 = 0
Multiple Dependent Claims			\$290 =

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see below

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description
1202	18	Claims in excess of 20
1201	86	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203	290	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204	86	**Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205	18	**Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent
SUBTOTAL(2)		

\$0

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051	130	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1812	2,520	For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1251	110	Extension for reply within first month	
1252	420	Extension for reply within second month	
1253	950	Extension for reply within third month	
1254	1,480	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255	2,010	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401	330	Notice of Appeal	
1402	330	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403	290	Request for oral hearing	
1452	110	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453	1,330	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501	1,330	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502	480	Design issue fee	
1460	130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807	50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Statement	
8021	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809	770	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810	770	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801	770	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	770
Other fee (specify)			
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SUBTOTAL(3)			\$770

SUBMITTED BY

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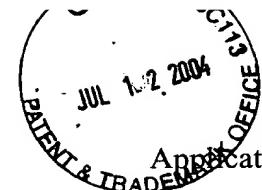
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants:	El-Sherbeini, et al.		
Serial No.:	09/701,229	Case No.:	20193P
Filed:	August 23, 2001		
For:	MURD PROTEIN AND GENE OF PSEUDOMONAS AERUGINOSA		

Art Unit:

1645

Examiner:

Portner, Virginia A.

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication is in response to the Final Official Action which was mailed on April 8, 2004, and which has a shortened statutory period for reply that expires on July 8, 2004. Applicants are concurrently filing a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant requests entry of the amendments presented herein. Applicant also requests examination of the application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein. No fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 13-2755 for the Petition fee and any other fee(s) required to effect this Petition.

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